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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **LECTURE SERIES ADDRESSES PUBLIC ACCESS TO WILDLANDS**

#### **MISSOULA --**

The 24th annual Wilderness Lecture Series, under way at The University of Montana, will tackle the topic of common lands and public access. The series, which is free and open to the public, will be held Tuesday evenings through April at 7 p.m. in Gallagher Building Room 122.

Following is a schedule of upcoming lecture topics and presenters:

- Feb. 4 -- "Wild Politics: Why So Many Natural Resource-based Political Conflicts are Controversial, Acrimonious and Intractable" by Martin Nie, UM assistant professor of natural resource policy.
- Feb. 11 -- "Devolution of Wildland Decisions: The Case for Community Access" by Jim Burchfield, director of UM's Bolle Center for People and Forests.
- Feb. 18 -- "Emerging Public Access in Post-Apartheid South Africa" by Professor Charles Breen, the Centre for Environment and Development, the University of Natal, South Africa.
- Feb. 25 -- "The Meaning of Wild Places for People with Disabilities" by Greg Lais, executive director, Wilderness Inquiry.
- Mar. 4 -- "Driven Wild: The Automobile and the Origins of Wilderness Advocacy" by Paul Sutter, assistant professor of history, University of Georgia, and author of "Driven

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Wild: How the Fight Against Automobiles Launched the Modern Wilderness Movement."

■ Mar. 11 -- "Recreational Access for Marginalized Populations in the U.S." by Tom More, research social scientist, USDA Forest Service.

■ Mar. 18 -- "Winter Use in Yellowstone National Park: Access for Visitors, Communities and Wildlife" by Suzanne Lewis, superintendent, Yellowstone National Park.

■ April 1 -- "Managing Escalating Day Use in Wilderness: Who is Going, What are They Seeking?" by Troy Hall, assistant professor, Department of Resource Recreation and Tourism, University of Idaho.

■ April 8 -- "Recreation as a Threat to our Wildlands" by George Nickas, executive director, Wilderness Watch.

■ April 15 -- "Community Voices in National Debates: The Case of Gwich'in Values" by Faith Gemmill, program coordinator, Gwich'in Steering Committee.

■ April 22 -- "Markets and Wilderness: Friends or Foes?" by Terry Anderson, executive director, Political Economy Research Center, and senior fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University.

■ April 29 -- "Wilderness, the Commons and Sustainable Public Access Revisited" by Wayne Freimund, director, UM's Wilderness Institute, and Arkwright Associate Professor of Wilderness Studies, The University of Montana.

For more information go online to [www.forestry.umt.edu](http://www.forestry.umt.edu) or call Nicky Phear at 243-6932.

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